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A Christmas Blessing

SILENTLY fell the feathery snow: like the soft and white unfolding of an angel's wing it brooded over the brown earth and filled each form with light.

Wholly unconscious of this silent yet majestic beauty, Redmore stood by the window wrapped in deep thought. He had received a telegram from home that day, which ran as follows—

DEAR SON:—

Your father, angered at your continued idly, disinherits you.

MOTHER.

Redmore, tall, well-built and with an unmistakable air of good-breeding, had been, from birth, a child of luxury. From the time he had tenaciously clung to his mother's skirt till now no wish of his had been thwarted. He was the only son and heir of a wealthy sire in south-east; and as such had been carefully reared and counselled by his father, who, desirous that Redmore should add fame and honor to such an old and distinguished name procured private tutors for him, thus, shutting him off from the outside world until he had been so imbued with the duties and obligations in keeping with his station in life, he could be trusted in the broad and varied arena of college life.

All had gone well until, on one soft, balmy morning of spring, nearing the close of his Freshman year, while wandering through the woods in quest of a particular species of *Rosa blanda*, he heard a voice of angelic sweetness, rising full and clear on the morning air. He listened, spell bound, and that voice, now like the gush of mountain wind, now almost lost in low yet majestic modulations, breathed

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Concerning Our Coaching System

The sincere spirit manifested at the football mass meeting of Saturday, Dec. 8, impressed me greatly; and while this question of providing a professional coach is still under consideration, a word concerning the system in vogue at Harvard and Yale should be of interest. I received my football schooling at Harvard, under a system nearly as thorough as the college curriculum itself, coaches who were Harvard men, not professional coaches working for their own reputations.

At both Harvard and Yale there has been a head coach with an efficient staff of assistant coaches, old graduates, who were glad to devote an hour or two each day for the love of their alma-mater. We can do the same here at Howard, study the game, work together and turn out a Howard team. It has long been evident that one man cannot handle a large squad and give the individual instruction necessary to get out all the playing ability in all the candidates. It has been a time honored mistake, at Howard, to leave the fortunes of the football squad to a single coach, expecting him to develop individual as well as team play. Coach Washington developed a splendid offence but, depending too much upon this, our team could do little more than wear itself out against Shaw, an inferior team which, however, had a tantalizing defense, knowing when to kick. Yale's greatness is due to her defense. For each position on the eleven there are coaches who have played in and studied that position. It is true that professionals like Yost and Saagg have done great things in the west, but they

always have a small staff of assistants to coach the rudiments of football. At Harvard, if they want to maintain their places on the team, varsity men must come out early and go through the long preliminary practice of breaking through, tackling, falling on the ball etc. Some of our varsity men prefer to wait until just before a big game. This is not football, a man should work and not depend upon his prestige otherwise he does his school an injury. College athletics should be free from professionalism, paying an outside coach is not necessary here at Howard. Reelect Washington head coach, with power to invite men of tried ability to his staff. Let them meet the squad after practice, and with blackboard demonstrate plays.

It now appears certain that the proposed ten yard rule will be adopted before next fall. The change is a popular one, for with the abolition of dangerous mass plays many new candidates will be attracted to the game. There is every reason why Howard should begin early and master the new game. Although Shaw had a professional coach she showed no marked superiority over Howard. Look to the "Big Four" and not to Shaw for a system of coaching. In the larger universities everyone is urged to try for the team; new candidates often make the regulars hustle and often get their places. A man's position is never sure and when he loafs the coaches promptly relieve him. This discipline stimulates keen competition, the thing we desire at Howard.

H. P. DOUGLAS, Med. '09.

The best thing for an appetite is something to eat.

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Washington, D. C., December 15, 1905.

The football season at Howard seems to have been a success financially. Although but a few games were played, the team was enabled by its good playing to draw on the public's pocket to a great extent. The money thus earned will go toward helping out other branches of athletics.



At a meeting of the Athletic Association last Saturday evening called for the purpose of considering ways and means for conducting Howard athletics, it seems to be the consensus of opinion that something ought to be done at Howard toward getting a gymnasium for the students. The editors of The Journal have long been of that opinion, but they were somewhat doubtful as to how the matter could best be put before the friends and alumni of the University. In order that

everybody can have a chance to express an opinion on the subject, The Journal will publish a letter not exceeding 100 words from every one who might wish to suggest anything that might aid in furthering the idea.



A Sign of Prosperity

Two hundred students from the various departments of the University, braved the bad weather of last Saturday evening to attend the mass meeting. Men who have gone from the age of "sticks" thru their first degree here say that no such well attended, enthusiastic meeting was ever witnessed at Howard.

The call for the meeting was issued by the Athletic Association to ascertain the opinion of the student body as to the advisability of securing the services of professional coach for the foot ball squad.

The meeting, we have said, was well attended and enthusiastic. Those present were the very pick of the student-body. But a fact even greater than this was evidenced at the meeting. In addition to having such a number of representative colored youth among the student-body possibilities for greater development thru concentration of forces and energy, thru organization, thru the unification of the students of the several departments, were clearly shown. Thru the columns of The Journal we invite the members of the Law and Medical departments to come to the common stamping ground of Howard, on the "Hill," let us get together oftener.



We are all of the opinion that the meeting of the Athletic Association should be held on Saturday evenings. This evening suits most of the fellows and it will give the whole University a chance to help with the Athletic work.



Be to yourself as you would to your friends.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Journal invites communications but will not hold itself responsible for the sentiments therein.

To the Editor of The Journal:

I came across a University catalogue the other day for the year 1904-1905 and much to my surprise it contained a photograph of me. It also contained pictures of other people who graduated in classes ahead of mine. I would like to suggest to the faculty, through your columns, that it is unwise in my opinion, to run the same photographs year in and year out, when they contain pictures of persons who have long left the school.

If pictures must be inserted, then I would suggest to the compilers of the catalogue to "run" pictures of buildings, as that kind of pictures will stand good as long as the building stands.

Yours truly,

A GRADUATE.

A Treat

Prof. Raymond, of Princeton University, delivered the University lecture for December. His subject was, "The Relation of Art to Culture." Such a masterful subject, handled in such a masterly way by such a master mind as Prof. Raymond's formed a choice treat.

Often, in the hurry and worry of "grinding" and preparing for the days' recitations, we, as students, are liable to forget the prime object—the highest aim in education.

Prof. Raymond in a delightful and scholarly way pricked our failing memory and relieved us of our false ideals.

The Journal feels that our scheme of education would be materially strengthened by lecturers of Prof. Raymond's type.

NOTICES

Alpha Phi meets this evening at 8:30.

Regular meeting of the Eureka tonight.

The Football Smoker

The football season of '05 was brought to a formal close on Friday evening last, by the annual smoker. Though the gloom of the Thanksgiving day defeat still lingered and though each man present was, deep down in his heart, preparing for a sterner and more strenuous game than the gridiron affords, yet the affair was a success. Brilliant speeches, pleasing toasts, witty dialogue and, ever and anon, the college yell and song, furnished together with the popular refreshments a very charming program.

The football squad numbering about forty, the officers of the Athletic Association and several invited guests making about sixty in all, who assembled in the banquet room at True Reformer's Hall, formed the finest list for the occasion.

At 10 o'clock the president of the Athletic Association, as master of ceremonies, introduced Prof. C. C. Cook. Professor Cook, as well as Mr. Washington, Mr. Dyson, Mr. J. B. Allen and Mr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, the gentlemen who spoke after him, urged the necessity of more conscientious training on the part of the players and of the absolute obedience to the instructions of coach and captain. The burden of ex-captain Shorter's song was that Lincoln and Shaw must be defeated, that next year they must be literally snowed under to help wipe out our defeat this year at the hands of Shaw.

There was one sad part that came into the evening's entertainment. There were those who were sitting for the last time at the annual football smoker and the memory and mention of it threw a certain sweet sadness over all. Mr. Cashin the assistant manager, told how we should be missed and assured us all, Bayton, Jefferson, Geary, Roberts and Morton, members of the class of '06, that Howard would miss us.

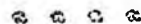
At midnight the manager called the Varsity squad aside and pro-

ceeded to the election of the captain of '06. Sanford, Davis, Bailey, Shorter and Moore were nominated. Davis seeming to be the favorite, there was a strange stillness as the manager began to announce the result of the election, and one mighty cheer when he finished in these words: "The captain of Howard's eleven for the season '06 is Mr. Joseph G. Moore."

SOCIETIES

ALPHA PHI

Another hitch has developed in the preparations for the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate. Mr. Geary of the class of '06 and Mr. Sanford of the Freshman class have resigned their positions as disputants. Mr. Sanford's place, the committee thinks, can be filled readily, but the Seniors seem so busy that serious difficulty is anticipated in securing representative from that august body. Mr. Taylor's time is pretty well taken up and Mr. Morton is slated in the intercollegiate team. There seems to be a deadlock in the proceedings of the committee on the contest for the ladies.



EUREKA

As the end of the Fall term draws near the Eureka finds itself to be completely reorganized and to be on a good working basis. Preparations are under way for the annual debate held under the auspices of the society. Several members of the Junior class have enrolled in the society, but there are many young men in the same class, who perhaps through a lack of knowledge of the aims of the society, do not attend. A visit to the Eureka on Friday evening will be convincing. A good program is assured and the merits or demerits of intercollegiate football, as now played in America, will be open for discussion by the house. A cordial welcome is extended to the Preps and their older fellow students in the University.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The committee on revision of the constitution of the Athletic Association is again in session and hopes to submit to the Association within a fortnight a constitution that is thoroughly adapted to our peculiar conditions and circumstances.

The football season, which was tolerably judiciously financed, has left quite a nest-egg in the treasury for base ball.

The chief matter before the Association now is the plan of awarding the "H." Heretofore, students have won what, in other colleges is a badge of honor and merit, promiscuously, now, however, since we believe that student body opinion is ripe for the movement, and that the institution is itself worthy the H will be limited to those men who stand out as athletes, etc.



THE COUNCIL OF UPPERCLASSMEN

To fill that void created by the absence of fraternities, Mr. James C. Waters, '04 C, together with a few other students organized a society composed of the two upper classes in all degree departments and dubbed it the "Council of Upperclassmen." During the first year of its organization the council flourished and did much toward accomplishing the purpose of its founders, uniting the members of various departments and offering an opportunity for what means much in college—social intercourse. Last year however, the Council was suffered to decline. Now let us get together again and make the Council what it ought to be. Let every eligible be present at the meeting on the "Hill" Saturday evening at 8:15.

College Faculty's Number Deficient

In no department of the University is there such a need for an increase in the teaching staff as in the College of Arts and Sciences. This department, standing as it does for the highest educational

development of men and women, aiming to fit them best to fight, honorably, the battles of life by giving solid and deep, rather than a showy and shallow education, with its steadily increasing enrollment, should be helped in its earliest endeavors by having its faculty enlarged.

The success of a college is measured, not by its name and wide advertisements, but by its products. A college with an insufficient faculty is like a ship without a rudder; its progress is impeded, handicapped; its products cannot be perfect.

It is known universally in the educational world that he who attempts to teach many and diverse subjects can not be proficient in all unless he be a genius. In life, the genius is rather the exception than the rule.

To know and to appreciate the great work that the College of Arts and Sciences is doing, despite its limitations, is to arouse sympathy and inculcate a desire to further the work by re-enforcing its teaching force.

May the time hasten when a chair in the honored faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University will not be a bench.

PERSONALS

Mr. Ocea Taylor will spend his Christmas recess at his home in Tuscaloosa Ala.

Mr. J. H. Roberts thinks that he must again hang his stocking in chimney corner of his father's mansion in Culpeper.

A "Soph" who has won more distinction as a story-teller than he has in his class, says that the meanest man in the world is father, who gives his son a dime to go to bed supperless, then steals the money and in the morning thrashes his offspring for loosing it.

Mr. Jefferson reports having lost on the grounds a black card case containing, among other articles of value, several five-dollar bills. The finder will be liberally rewarded on returning the case to the owner.

Miss Spencer, of the Teachers College, became suddenly ill on her way to chapel on Wednesday.

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Mr. Norris, of the printing department, had a hand severely crushed in the press last week.

A Christmas Blessing

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tender musings into his heart and the minutest feeling of all his soul answered to its spell. Unconsciously, he found himself being led to the voice until he was face to face with a vision of youthful loveliness seated on the banks of a grassy knoll, artistically fashioning the very flower of which he was in quest. Each looked at the other speechless.

"I beg you pardon, Miss, for this intrusion, but I am a student at University of—— and long have sought, in vain, to find the flowers which you hold. They're the first I have seen in this region. Won't you tell me please where they grow?"

Rising, she spoke, just to direct him to where they grew. Thanking her, he followed the path she had indicated and that path seemed all flowers; but the fairest of all was the one he had left behind. He saw nought but rosy cheeks laughing eyes and golden curls, while continually was that voice ringing in his ears. Fain would he have returned, but he resolutely pressed onward, until he reached the spot where the flowers grew. Quickly he gathered a few and hastened back hoping to catch even a glimpse of his heart's flower, as he had named her. Alas, he sought in vain, the maiden had disappeared, and, with heavy heart, he returned to his lodging.

Daily he went to the woods hoping to see her; daily was he doomed to disappointment; she came not. Finally spring lengthened into summer and school's closing drew nigh. It was next to the last day, when while taking his customary stroll, he heard again that voice which, unceasingly since first he heard its sweet strains, had been ringing in his ears. He drew nearer, but the fair singer, at least seemingly, wholly absorbed in her work, heeded him not. He passed, but only to return, for the love that was surg-

ing within him gave him courage; he must speak. As he turned he fancied he saw her head lower as if she too had been watching him. He approached, and began to talk with her about her flowers. Gaily they chatted until, at the sound of a horn, she told she must go. They parted, but not before she had promised to join him on the morrow and show him where the choicest flowers grew. Eagerly he hastened to his lodging and sent a dispatch home stating they need not expect him for two weeks.

How long that day seemed in passing! He was waiting, impatiently for the morrow, when he would see her whom he loved. The morn came; they met; many morrows came; always they met. At last his parents must see him; he had to leave her for three long months. That was a tearful parting. Although no words of love had been spoken, each knew himself a captive.

All through the summer Redmore was listless. What were parties, picnics and dances to him? He was yearning for a quiet and shady knoll where he knew his loved one was. Drearly, the summer days crept by. At last autumn came; he returned, to school and to Angela.

Through all the year they met, he learned about her simple country life and told her of his own; daily, they found their lives being more closely woven. Another summer came and with it another separation but unlike the last, for each had told the other his love.

During this summer, a wealthy heiress came to visit at Redmore's home and it was his father's desire that Redmore marry her. Redmore, knowing his father's disposition, feared to tell him of his love for Angela but pleaded, as an excuse to leave home, to go camping with some of his fellow students. With much persuasion, he received his father's reluctant consent and left home not to return until the heiress had gone.

How joyously he bailed autumn's arrival and hastened to his Angela! Before school's close she had promised to be his wife and he returned home determined to win his father's consent. The summer passed, autumn came but still the consent had not been given. He returned to school, given till Christmas to decide whether he should marry Angela and be disinherited.

It was the week before Christmas when he wrote home to say that he had determined to give up all for his love and was to be married on Christmas Eve.

It was the answer to this that he was considering as he looked from the window. He was sorry to marry without his father's benediction—yet love and honor bade him do it, so, on Christmas Eve, they were married.

On Christmas morning to his surprise he received the following letter:

MY SON!—

I cannot have you sater as I suffered. I have never told you before, but, when a youth, like you, I loved, but through parental objections was prevented from marrying the woman of my choice. I have never outlived that, and too, I have learned through life's wide and varied experiences that he who is lowly born is as honorable as he whom the gods have honored more favorably. He whose birthday we are on the eve of celebrating is no respecter of persons. Come home at once, you and your bride, and receive a father's blessing.

THE ALUMNI

'89 Law. The President of the United States re-appointed Judge Robert H. Terrell last week, as one of the justices of the Magistrate Courts of the District of Columbia.

'84 Law. Many undergraduates of the University are probably unaware that the present Registrar of Treasury, Hon. J.W. Lyons, is an alumnus of Howard.

Dr. J. Emerson, Dentistry '04, passed successfully the North Carolina Board and now has a large practice at Greensboro.

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